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SUBJECT: INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE

REF: RIO DE JANEIRO 3889

1. MEETING INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE OF OCTOBER 16 DISCUSSED MY PAPER ON MULTINATIONALS. IN INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT I EMPHASIZED MY VIEW THAT POWER OF MULTINATIONALS EXAGGERATED, IN VIEW REGULATORY MEASURES TAKEN IN RECENT YEARS BOTH IN HOST AND HOME NATIONS, INVESTIGATIONS IN NUMEROUS FORUMS, SUCH AS UN GROUP OF EMINENT PERSONS, ILO, ETC., AND EXTENSIVE CHANGES IN INTERNATIONAL CONDITIONS, INCLUDING BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DIFFICULTIES OF TRADITIONAL CAPITAL EXPORTING NATIONS. I ALSO SUGGESTED DESIRABILITY EXAMINING SPECIFIC EFFECTS, GOOD OR BAD, RATHER THAN ATTEMPTING TO DEAL WITH MULTINATIONALS AS AN INSTITUTION. I POINTED OUT VAST DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ISSUES OF MULTINATIONALS IN RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPED NATIONS, WITH DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF DEVELOPING NATIONS (I.E. SUCH INTERMEDIATE NATIONS AS BRAZIL ON ONE HAND AND LEASE DEVELOPED NATIONS LIKE CHAD ON OTHER), AND SUGGESTED COMMITTEE APPROACH BE PARTICULARIZED, RATHER THAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATTEMPTING GLOBAL ANALYSIS OR SOLUTIONS. COMMENTS

REASONABLY RECPETIVE BUT ARGUED THAT POWER OF MULTINATIONALS STILL EXTENSIVE, THAT THERE HAD BEEN ABUSES (AGENTINIAN MEMBER MENTIONED DELTECO) AND THAT ONE ADVANTAGE OF MULTINATIONALS OVER DEVELOPING NATIONS WAS VASTLY GREATER NEGOTIATING EXPERIENCE AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION. I MENTIONED EXISTENCE VARIOUS COURSES FOR MIDDLE LEVEL DEVELOPING NATION OFFICIALS, SUCH AS THAT OF IBRD AND OF GEORGETOWN U. LAW CENTER.

2. AGREEMENT THAT DISCUSSION WOULD RESUME AT NEXT SESSION OF COMMITTEE (PROBABLY FEBRUARY 1975) AT WHICH TIME OTHER ASSIGNED PAPERS OUGHT BE READY. LEGAL ADVISER OAS (GARCIA AMADOR) DESCRIBED OTHER ONGOING WORK, INCLUDING ANALYSIS OF NATIONAL LAWS NOW BEING PREPARED BY SECRETARIAT AND WORKING GROUP OF MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION, GARCIA AMADOR SUGGESTED TO ME THAT COMMITTEE OUGHT TRY TO LIMIT SCOPE OF ITS INQUIRY.

3. COMMITTEE OCTOBER 17 TAKES UP ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS--DATE OF CONCLUSION PRESENT SESSION, EXACT DATE NEXT SESSION, OBSERVERS FOR COMMITTEE AT VARIOUS MEETINGS (LAW OF SEA IN GENEVA, ETC.). NO FURTHER SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS SCHEDULED THIS SESSION.  
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